

## **NATIONAL FFA NURSERY/LANDSCAPE TEAM ACTIVITY CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

**2018**

### **Preparation Phase (30 minutes)**

According to John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, lawn mower injuries send approximately 80,000 Americans to the hospital every year. Approximately 9,400 of these injuries involve someone under the age of 20. Lawn mower related injuries account for more than 51 percent of amputations among children. For children under the age of 10, most major limb losses are caused by lawn mowers. Lawn mower injuries are also high in adults over the age of 60.

The most common injuries are: flying debris thrown from under mowers, foot fractures, feet slipping under running mowers causing cuts and amputations, getting burned on hot mufflers, burns caused by fueling hot engines, cut hands and fingers while working under a mower deck, lawn mowers running over feet and riding mowers turning over on steep embankments.

As an FFA community project your team is to plan and implement a lawn mower (push as well as riding mowers) safety awareness program for your community to be held before next mowing season begins. Among other things you are to plan:

- Will the program be for adults and youth?
- When and where will the program be held?
- How many times will you have to repeat this program to cover your school community?
- How will you go about getting lawn mower equipment dealers involved?
- Will the dealers provide equipment for demonstrations?
- What incentives will you use to get the public to participate?
- Who will be the instructor for the program?
- Plan a publicity campaign for the program. What media will you use?
- Plan the broad topics to be covered.
- Who is going to be responsible for making sure the safety awareness program is a success?
- Other ideas to make this a successful safety campaign.

### **PRESENTATION (15 minutes)**

In this phase, you will be **presenting your plan for the program to your FFA instructor.**

1. Each member of your team must participate individually in the presentation.
2. The presentation should be an informal conversation with your FFA instructor.